



# Master of Arts in Worship and Creative Arts

Catalog Year 2026–2027 · 100% Online · *We don't teach what to think. We awaken truth and walk in love.*

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| <b>36</b>     | <b>12</b> | <b>3</b>           | <b>VARK</b>        |
| TOTAL CREDITS | COURSES   | CREDITS PER COURSE | FOUR WAYS TO LEARN |

## Program Overview

The Master of Arts in Worship and Creative Arts prepares leaders to shape worship ministries, develop teams, and design worship arts programs grounded in theology and history.

## How EACU Is Different

Worship is studied from every side: in Scripture and ancient Israel, across traditions and cultures, through the African American sacred music tradition, and in the heavenly worship described in ancient texts. Students develop their own theology of worship and express it through music and the creative arts.

At the graduate level, students weigh the biblical text, ancient witnesses, research, and later interpretation side by side, then build and defend their own position with scholarly rigor while remaining grounded in the foundation of truth.

**Required in every EACU degree:** Biblical Interpretation (Rightly Dividing the Word), Biblical Finance and Stewardship, and Biblical Mindset and Mental Health. Every course is built with visual, auditory, reading and writing, and hands-on learning.

## Program Outcomes

1. Articulate a theology and history of worship.
2. Connect creativity with the image of God.
3. Develop worship teams.
4. Design worship arts programs.
5. Complete and defend graduate-level research or an applied project.

## Where This Degree Can Lead

- Worship pastor
- Creative arts director
- Worship arts educator
- Further study in the D.Min. in Worship and Creative Arts

## Admission

A completed bachelor's degree. See Admissions for full requirements.

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| EACU Required Core | 12 credits |
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| CODE                              | COURSE                                                          | CR | TERM COMPLETED |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> EACU 500 | Graduate Orientation and Research                               | 3  |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BIBL 501 | Biblical Interpretation III: Advanced Rightly Dividing the Word | 3  |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FINC 501 | Biblical Finance and Stewardship II                             | 3  |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MHLT 501 | Biblical Mindset and Mental Health II                           | 3  |                |

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| Bible Core | 6 credits |
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| CODE                              | COURSE                                                                  | CR | TERM COMPLETED |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> BIBL 510 | The Old Testament in Its Ancient Near Eastern and Second Temple Context | 3  |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BIBL 520 | The New Testament in Its Second Temple and Greco-Roman Context          | 3  |                |

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| Major: Worship and Creative Arts | 15 credits |
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| CODE                              | COURSE                                  | CR | TERM COMPLETED |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> WRSP 610 | Theology and History of Worship         | 3  |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WRSP 620 | Creativity, Art, and the Image of God   | 3  |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WRSP 630 | Worship Leadership and Team Development | 3  |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WRSP 640 | Worship Arts Program Design             | 3  |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WRSP 650 | The Psalms and Songs of the Bible       | 3  |                |

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| Capstone | 3 credits |
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| CODE                              | COURSE                             | CR | TERM COMPLETED |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> WRSP 690 | Master's Thesis or Applied Project | 3  |                |

Students complete either a research thesis or an applied project, such as a program, curriculum, or book manuscript, and defend it before faculty. With advisor approval, one major course may be replaced by a course from the EACU Approved Elective List.

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| Credit Summary |
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| EACU Required Core    | 12        |
| Bible Core            | 6         |
| Major                 | 15        |
| Capstone              | 3         |
| <b>Total Required</b> | <b>36</b> |

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| Suggested Sequence |
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| <b>Term 1</b><br>Graduate Orientation, Advanced Rightly Dividing the Word | <b>Term 2</b><br>Bible Core, Finance II, Mental Health II | <b>Term 3</b><br>Major courses | <b>Term 4</b><br>Remaining major courses and Capstone |
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